

AVA:

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pH:

60% Monterey County 36% Santa Barbara County 4% Sonoma County Composition: 100% Pinot Noir Alcohol: 14.2 % 5.5 g/L 3.68



2021 **Pinot Noir**

From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, over 30 years later, led by the Schlatter Family and Winemaker Jeff Crawford, Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines.

Wine Notes

Our goal for Starmont Pinot Noir is varietal typicity and balance, with just the right amount of restraint to achieve a fresh, elegant example of Pinot Noir from California's top cool climate winegrowing regions. The 2021 brings through bright red cherry aromas that are complimented by a subtle herbal undertone of fresh fennel and mushroom laden forest floor all of which are nicely framed by a hint of cigar box pointing to the light use of new French oak. The palate displays a fresh brightness with a bit of structure provided by soft tannins on the mid-palate and then develops into a long, pleasing finish.

Winemaking

In our continued quest to deliver impressive quality at a reasonable price, we have expanded our sourcing for Starmont Pinot Noir. For the 2021, the blend comes from three different counties (Monterey 60%, Santa Barbara 36% and Sonoma 4%).

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